(b) how many students appeared in Urdu course-B and Urdu Core course in CBSE Secondary Examination in 2007;

(c) the details regarding the related information for all the courses for Punjabi subjects taken by the students;

(d) why the CBSE is not starting A and B courses for secondary level and Core and Elective at senior secondary level for Punjabi language; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is more demand in Punjabi language by the students, as compared to Urdu language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The details of the number of students registered in Urdu as a subject for classes X and XII examinations, 2007 conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are given below:—

	Subject	No. of candidates registered
Class X	Urdu Course (A)	2777
	Urdu Course (B)	3303
	TOTAL:	6080
Class XII	Urdu (Core)	1096
	Urdu (Elective)	234
	TOTAL:	1330

(c) The number of students registered for Punjabi language as subject in classes X and **XII** Examinations. 2007 conducted by CBSE were 37896 and 4041 respectively.

(d)CBSE does not have A and B Courses in Punjabi language at the secondary level so as to be at per with the State Boards in respect of regional languages. It also does not have core and elective in Punjabi language at senior secondary level to bring uniformity in approach with regard to regional languages and to remove confusion among the schools and students.

(e) For classes X and XII Examination, 2007 conducted by CBSE, more students had regiseted for Punjabi language than for Urdu language.

Corporal punishment in Schools

986. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of corporal punishment in schools, particularly in cities, continue unabated, inspite of orders to the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that have come to the notice of Government during 2007 and 2008. upto 1st March, 2008 where serious physical harm has been caused to the concerned students; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the concerned school managements?